GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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CLASSIFICATION OF DRUGS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some cases of sale of certain Allopathic medicines prepared with Ayurvedic or Unani compositions or certain Ayurvedic or Unani medicines having allopathic composition have been detected recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the criteria adopted by the Government for the classification of drugs in the various systems of medicine;

(d) whether the Government propose to issue any guidelines to the pharmaceutical companies in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) Though intermixing of any allopathic drug, which is listed in the Second Schedule of the said Drugs & Cosmetics Act 1954, with an Ayurvedic, Sidha or Unani drug, in any fixed dose combination is prohibited with effect from 13.9.95, there are a few products which are commonly used in drugs of both systems. These products include items like Menthol, Camphor, Anise oil, Glycyrrhiza, Eucalyptus oil and minerals like, Iron, Magnesium and Calcium.

(c) to (e) Drugs of different systems of medicine are clearly specified under Schedules 1 & 2 of the Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1954. They are also well defined under sections 3 (a) & 3 (b) of the Drug & Cosmetics Act in respect of the modern system of medicine and the Ayurveda, Sidha and Unani drugs respectively, while Rule 2(dd) of the Drug & Cosmetics Rules defines homeopathic drugs.